

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the following paragraphs that begin at page 16, line 29 of the present specification:

In order to ensure that the sheath 102 is rotatable about a balloon 114, even with a stent 120 crimped on to the sheath 102 and the catheter is being advanced through the a body, the sheath 102 may be constructed of a variety of low friction materials such as PTFE, HDPE, etc. In at least one embodiment the sheath 102 is at least partially constructed of a hydrophilic material, such as hydrophilic polymers such as; TECOPHLIC[®] material available from Thermedics Polymer Products, a division of VIASYS Healthcare of Wilmington, Mass.; TECOTHANE[®], also available from Thermedics Polymer Products; hydrophilic polyurethanes, and/or aliphatic, polyether-based thermoplastic hydrophilic polyurethane; and any other material that provides the sheath 102 with the ability to rotate freely about the balloon 114 when in the "wet" state, such as when the catheter is exposed to body fluids during advancement through a vessel. Suitable sheath materials may also provide the sheath with rotatability in the "dry", or pre-insertion, state, but with the application of a greater amount of force than when in the wet state, such materials are referred to herein as being ~~tecophilic~~ TECOPHLIC[®].

A sheath 102 at least partially constructed from ~~tecophilic~~ TECOPHLIC[®] material provides the sheath 102 with the ability to rotate freely about the balloon 114 when in the "wet" state, such as when the catheter is exposed to body fluids during advancement through a vessel. The ~~tecophilic~~ TECOPHLIC[®] sheath 102 is also capable of rotation in the "dry", or pre-insertion, state, but with the application of a greater amount of force than when in the wet state.